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ABSTRACT

A list of 787 students who had completed courses in the Community Services Program at Minneapolis Community College (MCC) during the fall quarters of 1977 and 1978 was checked against official transcripts at the end of 1979 to determine if participation in non-credit courses led to registration in credit classes. Transcripts were tallied by year, sex, and by whether the student had taken credit courses prior to taking non-credit courses or at the same time or after having taken non-credit courses. Totals were adjusted to accommodate those students who were enrolled during both quarters, and the transcripts of those students enrolled in either of two "credit by option" courses were tallied separately. In 1977, of the 277 people taking only non-credit courses, 8 (2.9%) had previously taken credit courses at MCC and 1 student took credit courses after completing the non-credit course. During the quarter, an additional 33 students were taking a combination of credit and non-credit courses. In 1978, 462 students registered for only non-credit courses; 37% had registered for credit courses before beginning their non-credit work, while 3.9% registered for credit courses while or after taking the non-credit courses. The data indicate that it is more likely that credit courses led to interest in taking non-credit courses than vice versa. (JP)

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The question of whether non-credit courses taken in the Community Services Program lead to registration for credit courses was a recent subject of discussion at Minneapolis Community College. Are people inspired by their non-credit course work to try regular college fare? Or, if lack of confidence has prevented someone in the past from going to college, does non-credit course experience give the confidence needed to try credit course work?

To answer this question, lists of those who took any community service courses during fall quarters 1977 and 1978 were obtained. Names were then checked against those on the grade transcripts in the Registrar's office kept for each college credit student. The grade transcripts found were then tallied by year, sex and by whether the student had taken the credit course(s) before the quarter that non-credit courses had been taken or during and/or after that quarter. If non-credit courses were taken after credit course work, obviously the non-credit program could not account for the interest in course work for credit. The search for transcripts was made in Fall 1979. Thus, there were about two years when the registrants of 1977 could have registered for credit courses, and about one year when registrants of 1978 could have registered. Since some non-credit students took more than one community service course, there was the possibility of duplicates in the total student counts; however, where duplicates were observed, they were subtracted from the totals.

The results of this analysis are found in the tables attached. In Fall 1977, 325 people were registered for community service courses, 242 women and 83 men. Of this total, 48 students were taking courses where they had, and almost all took, the

opportunity to receive college credit for them: Latvian I and Post Basic Operating Room Nursing. These two courses were tallied separately and proportions of students with college credit transcripts were computed both with and without this group. In 1977, of the 277 people taking courses that were all non-credit, 8, or 2.9 percent had taken college credit courses at MCC before the quarter they registered for one or more non-credit courses. One, .4 percent, took credit courses (5 credits) after her non-credit course. When the community service credit by option courses were added into the totals, an additional 4 students had taken credit courses before non-credit, totaling 12 students, or 3.7 percent, in this category. An additional 33 students, totaling 34 students, or 10.5 percent, were taking credit courses during the quarter of "non-credit" work. It should be noted that all of the students taking the nursing and Latvian courses had on their transcripts only the credits from one of these courses or ones taken before Fall 1977.

Comparable data from fall quarter 1978 non-credit registrants showed 462 registering for non-credit only courses, 352 women and 110 men. Thirty-seven, 8.0 percent, of the total had registerd for credit courses before their non-credit work, while 18, or 3.9 percent, had registered for credit courses during or after the quarter in which they had taken non-credit work. When the credit option course, Post Basic Operating Room Nursing, was added into the computations, 38 students of 504 total registrants, or 7.5 percent, had taken credit courses before non-credit and 56, or 11.1 percent, had taken credit work during or after the community service courses. All but one of the credit option course students had credits recorded only for the credit option course. Only one woman had taken a credit course (3 credits) after the quarter of her credit option course.

When all community service course students with grade transcripts are taken as a proportion of the total group of students, from 14.2 percent in 1977 to 18.6 percent in 1978 had regular college grade transcripts in file. Transcripts were on file because of credit work taken before noncredit courses or because of the credit option courses.

These results indicate than when non-credit only community service courses were involved, two to seven times as many students in the periods covered had taken credit courses before taking non-credit courses. It is more likely, therefore, that credit courses led to the interest in non-credit courses than vice versa. One can conclude that the Community Service Program at MCC appealed to a part of the community that would not have been interested in the typical offerings of a community college. On the whole, the two programs did not compete.

## Fall 1977 Non Credit Courses

| Course | N. Registered Women | Men | Total | N. Students Taking Credit Courses Before Fall 1977 Women | Men | Total | During or After Fall 1977 Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orienteering for Hunters | | 3 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Contemporary Dance | 13 | 2 | 15 | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| Yoga & Meditation | 5 | 1 | 6 | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Latvian Literature | 5 | 2 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Pre-Retirement Planning | 5 | 8 | 13 | | | | | | |
| " " | 11 | 17 | 28 | | | | | | |
| " " | 9 | 9 | 18 | | | | | | |
| " " | 16 | 10 | 26 | | | | | | |
| Yoga for Health | 8 | | 8 | | | | | | |
| Tai Chi Chuan I | 2 | 4 | 6 | | | | | | |
| " " " II | | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Tai Chi Chuan | 3 | 7 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Anatomy & Physiol. Review & Update for Nurses #1 | 42 | 2 | 44 | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | |
| " " " " #2 | 27(6*) | 2 | 29 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| " " " " #3 | 26(7*) | 1 | 27 | | | | | | |
| " " " " #4 | 15 | | 15 | | | | | | |
| Intro. to Nsg. Audit for Staff Nurses | 58 | | 58 | | | | | | |
| Sub Totals | 245 | 72 | 317 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | | 1 |
| Unduplicated Totals | 205 | 72 | 277 | | | | | | |
| Percent With Transcripts | | | | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | .4 | | .4 |

## Fall 1977 Option for Credit Courses

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Post Basic Opr. Rm. Nsg. (110) | 33 | 4 | 37 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 26 | 3 | 29 |
| Latvian I | 4 | 7 | 11 | | | | | 4 | 4 |
| Sub Totals | 37 | 11 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 26 | 7 | 33 |
| Unduplicated Totals | 242 | 83 | 325 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 27 | 7 | 34 |
| Percent With Transcripts | | | | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 11.2 | 8.4 | 10.5 |



* Unduplicated

## Fall 1978 Non Credit Courses[@]

| Course Title | N. Registered Women | Men | Total | N. Students Taking Credit Courses: Before Fall 1978 Women | Men | Total | During or After Fall 1978 Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Awareness Through Movement | 13 | | 13 | | | | | | |
| Assertiveness Training I | 8 | 3 | 11 | 3 | | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Assertiveness Training #2 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Anatomy & Physiology #2 | 16(3*) | 1 | 17 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Anatomy & Physiology Update #1 | 24 | | 24 | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| Anatomy #1 | 24(0*) | 1 | 25 | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| Accounting | 8 | | 8 | | | | | | |
| Blood Gases | 27 | 1 | 28 | 5 | | 5 | 1 | | 1 |
| Basics of Divorce | 5 | 4 | 9 | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Beginning Calligraphy | 25 | | 25 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Beginning Fencing | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Beginning Pantomine | 15 | 3 | 18 | | | | | | |
| Business Writing Seminar | 12 | 9 | 21 | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| Career Reentry: Job Change | 12 | 5 | 17 | | | | | | |
| Contemporary Dance | 15 | | 15 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Conversational Latvian I | 4 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | |
| Creative Writing for Publication | 6 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| Disco Class | 18 | 11 | 29 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Elderly Persons in Your Life | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Human Relations in Business | 8 | | 8 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Investment Alternatives | 10 | 2 | 12 | | | | | | |
| Latvian Short Stories | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | |
| Metro Workshop | 7 | 6 | 13 | | | | | | |
| Pharmacology Update | 19 | 1 | 20 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Pre-Retirement Planning | 19 | 9 | 28 | | | | | | |
| Pre-Retirement - Henn. Cty.2 | 12 | 9 | 21 | | | | | | |
| Pre-Retirement - Henn. Cty. 1 | 18 | 9 | 27 | | | | | | |
| Single Lifestyle | 13 | 6 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| Tai Chi Chuan | 12 | 8 | 20 | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Tap Dancing | 5 | 3 | 8 | | | | | | |
| Yoga | 11 | 5(4*) | 16 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 1 |
| Sub Totals | 389 | 111 | 500 | | | | | | |
| Unduplicated Totals | 352 | 110 | 462 | 28 | 9 | 37 | 12 | 6 | 18 |
| Percent With Transcripts | | | | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 3.9 |

## 1978 Option for Credit Courses

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Post Basic Opr. Rm. Nsg. Course #1 | 40 | 2 | 42 | 1 | | 1 | 37 | 1 | 38 |
| Unduplicated Totals | 392 | 112 | 504 | 29 | 9 | 38 | 49 | 7 | 56 |
| Percent With Transcripts | | | | 7.4 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 12.5 | 6.3 | 11.1 |

@ 1-2 day conferences not included.
* Unduplicated.

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